AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, wherein a chemical strengthening salt is introduced into a treatment vessel and is melted to obtain a molten chemical strengthening salt and a glass disk is brought into contact with said molten chemical strengthening salt so as to be chemically strengthened, said method is characterized by using a granular chemical strengthening salt so as to prevent scattering in an atmosphere, on introducing the chemical strengthening salt into the treatment vessel.

2. (original): A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 1, characterized by using the chemical strengthening salt obtained by shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt material into grains.

3. (currently amended): A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that said glass disk is made of aluminosilicate glass.

4. (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, characterized by comprising a step of carrying out a chemical strengthening

treatment by the chemical strengthening treatment method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.

5. (original): A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, characterized by forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass substrate obtained by the method according to claim 4.

6. (new): A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 4, characterized by using the granular chemical strengthening salt obtained by shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt into grains.

7. (new): A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 6, characterized by chemically strengthening the magnetic disk of the aluminosilicate glass.

8. (new): A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, characterized by forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass substrate obtained by the method according to claim 6.

9. (new): A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 2, characterized in that said glass disk is made of aluminosilicate glass.

10. (new): A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, characterized by forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass substrate obtained by the method according to claim 7.